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The O'Gorman boys basketball team poses after winning the 2010 State AA Championship. They defeated Aberdeen Central 85-66 to take the title. It was the Knights third state title in five years.

Proposed radio tax may hurt industry

Shilpa Chandran
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The face of American radio could be changed forever. Two bills that would charge a performance tax for every new song played on the radio are presently in Congress.

These bills, one sponsored by Representative John Conyers and the other sponsored by Senator Patrick Leahy, would require local radio stations to pay a royalty to the record companies and the individual artists.

"A lot of people don't listen to the radio anyway because of

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Earth Day advocates greener behaviors

Nicole Scheier
Faith Co-Editor

With today's technology, sometimes the significance of the environment is forgotten. However, there is one day a year dedicated to it. This year on April 22, the world will celebrate the 40th anniversary of Earth Day.

"Earth Day is important because it brings public awareness the importance of taking care of 'Mother Earth' and our limited resources," said O'Gorman science teacher, Mrs. Tyone Kruse.

Since 1970, Earth Day has brought to light the importance of

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O'Gorman undergoes renovations

Cafeteria Construction

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Staying true to its theme of construction, O'Gorman's cafeteria will soon be undergoing renovations. Construction will start in early April and is expected to be completed by the end of July.

The upcoming construction is the first of four phases that the cafeteria will undergo as it is updated.

The first phase includes upgrading the cafeteria's electrical and plumbing.

"Cosmetically you'll notice the new floor tiling, but aesthetically it won't look like a lot of

changes," said Mr. Kyle Groos, O'Gorman principal.

Although students may not take notice of the cafeteria once it has undergone its first phase of construction, they are certain to be aware of it while it is underway.

While the cafeteria is being renovated, students will be eating in the Rec Center.

Due to this change of location, certain changes will be made.

"Juniors will get full lunch periods to help with the flow of traffic," said Groos. "Seniors

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Performing Arts Center

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After some hesitation, the construction of the Dr. Tom and Penny Lorang Performing Arts Center has begun.

In continuation with the multi-phase "Building on Excellence" campaign, individuals have raised enough funds to pay the overhead costs to begin the project.

The "Building on Excellence" campaign began a few years ago with a primary goal to renovate the classrooms and core areas of the school. This campaign also included building a new performing arts center, upgrading McEneaney Field and an increase in teacher

salary endowments and tuition assistance.

With generous donations, notably Avera McKennan giving \$10 million to the school, the school was able to go on with most of its goals.

"Unfortunately, the economy downturn hit when we were going to begin construction of the performing arts center," said Principal Kyle Groos. "Thankfully, we were able to get a major part of the total construction done before this downturn."

Due to the recession, default rates for the pledges raised from

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O'G alumna joins race for mayor

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O'Gorman High School alumna Pat Costello will be found on the mayoral ballots this April. Costello has been a part of the city council for the past four years and now wants to help the city in its financial and population growth.

"I want to re-establish a little more fiscal responsibility in city hall," said Costello.

"Being a small business owner and CPA, along with knowing the responsibilities that go with

those jobs, P. Costello understands budgets and finances that could benefit Sioux Falls," said wife Shawn Costello.

"I have some ideas that I can use my accounting and CPA background and where I can use my business background to maybe improve upon some of the things that are at city hall today," said Costello.

Although there weren't any particular classes that sparked his interests in politics, Costello feels that O'Gorman did prepare him for college and essentially life after school.

"It was such a strong base to start from," said Costello. "If you come out of O'Gorman successful, chances are you're going to come out of college successful. And if you can come out of college successful you're probably going to be successful in life."

This was one factor to why the Costellos chose to have their children attend a Catholic school.

"I see how religion in this day and age has such a great impact on the kids, that if something



See **MAYOR** page 2 Pat Costello

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Spiritual visions influence devotion to God

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Opinion Editor

One of the three women Doctors of the Church, St. Catherine of Siena, lived an unusual life of devotion that began at an early age. St. Catherine of Siena was born in 1347, and she was the youngest of twenty-five children.

At the age of six, she began to have mystical experiences seeing angels. Although she refused to marry, her parents wished her to do so at the age of twelve, but she had already privately consecrated her virginity to God. Her parents tried to persuade her in to marriage by giving her the worst chores and turning her sisters against her, but she chose to see these things as crosses to bear.

When she was sixteen, she joined the Do-

minican nuns, and her visions of Mary, Jesus and the saints increased. In St. Catherine's visions, she also saw Purgatory, Heaven and Hell. For more than three years, she spoke to no one except God and her confessor.

She had a deep love for God and experienced what is known as spiritual espousal, a vision in which Jesus asked her to be his bride. She also had a zeal for the conversion of sinners.

Her supernatural gifts brought her many supporters, but she was also suspected of making up her visions. She devoted herself to ministering to the sick, especially those with leprosy and cancer.

In 1375, she received the stigmata, and it was invisible throughout her life, but clearly visible upon her death.

St. Catherine is best known for the documentation of her visions, which is called The Dialogue of St. Catherine, and for her efforts to return the papal offices to Rome from France. She wrote many letters to Pope Urban VI, even being bold enough to criticize him, gently suggesting he learn to deal with his temper in a more Christ-like way. He listened to her and sent for her to come to Rome, where she eventually died from a stroke.

St. Catherine was canonized in 1461, made the patroness of Italy in 1939, and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1970 by Pope Paul VI. She is the patron saint of fire prevention, Europe, sexual temptation, nurses, the sick, and television. Her feast day is celebrated on April 29.



PRESS PHOTO

Catherine of Siena was a Doctor of the Church.

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers gives speech to student body

Christina Engeman
Opinion Editor

Several weeks ago, O'Gorman was fortunate enough to have the energetic and relatable Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers speak to the student body and faculty about the importance of Mass.

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, founder and director of Aurem Cordis, is a national and international speaker on various topics that promote the Catholic faith and educate and explain certain aspects of the Catholic faith. Through his upbeat talk at O'Gorman, he stressed to students why going to Mass is not only important for our faith lives but also for everyday life.

"The Mass is where Jesus gives Himself to us totally and completely, in Word and Sacrament. He literally gives us His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity," said Burke-Sivers.

"Just as getting our bodies in shape and practicing for athletic competition prepares us to perform in competition at the highest level, the Mass prepares us to live our Catholic faith every day, and make Jesus real and meaningful in our every day lives."

During his talk, Deacon Burke-Sivers put his words into action by using various students as examples.

He spoke about how people become so excited for bands, athletics and entertainment but not nearly as excited about the one thing that will bring them closer to God.

He pointed out that young people are much more enthusiastic about various other daily activities than Church, and that they tend to do whatever they can to avoid Mass.

"I thought he was a really good speaker," said senior Dan Haiar, who was wrestled and picked up by Burke-Sivers as an example of preparing for athletics. "He had a lot of good information, and he spoke well to a high school audience. I was a little freaked out by being thrown in the air, though."

The most important part of his talk was getting students to realize the importance and center of the Catholic faith: the Eucharist.

"The Eucharist must be at the heart, the core, the very center of our lives as Catholics because the Eucharist is truly Jesus," said Burke-Sivers.

"We need the nourishment of the Eucharist to survive the assault of this culture of death and find the Truth. The better we understand the Eucharist's role in our family and personal lives, the more we will be able to love Christ both present in the Eucharist



JORY KUNZMAN / KNIGHT SCROLL

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers speaks about the importance of attending and living the Mass.

and in one another."

With Jesus and the Eucharist at the heart of our lives, people can come to know Christ more and appreciate and understand the Mass, which is what Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers hopes students realize from his speech.

"My prayer has been that the students will see their relationship with God as very intimate and deeply personal, and to see that the sacraments, especially the Mass, are ways that Jesus reaches out and touches us with His love and life."

As Lent closes, Catholic values should not fade

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As the Lenten season comes to a conclusion, there are many things to be thinking about. For instance, it is important to think about how to continue the moral values and aspects of living a Catholic life, and making sure that sin does not take over what we truly believe is right.

Looking into your conscience is the most important thing that you can do before making a decision that could ruin friendships and your reputation. Before you make a bad decision, think of how it affects someone else.

The main reason why people act against authority is because they don't think about how it will affect others in their lives.

Basically, put others before yourself, and continue to be courteous to those

who you work with or participate in activities with.

People tend to participate in many different activities and perform good deeds during Lent, but then once Easter rolls around, they feel their deed is done, and they can just move on and not look back.

This is the sad thing about Lent ending. People start to care less and less about others, and start thinking more and more about themselves.

The most important thing to think about during the post-Lenten season is how you can live out your stewardship and continue to be a strong role model for others.

You never know how rewarding something is unless you face your goals head on, and take on the challenge. Make your challenge being a great Catholic role model.

Easter season brings forth hidden meanings

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In an era where the media influences our perception of certain events, it is difficult at times to remember the true meaning of Easter.

Amidst images of Easter bunnies and pastel colors, we often forget what Easter truly is and what must be done to prepare for this Event.

Easter is the summation of the Paschal Mystery. For a quick reminder, the Paschal Mystery is Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection.

During Holy Week, Christians all over

the world commemorate this spiritual journey as they relive the events that Jesus experienced on the days before he ascended into heaven.

As defined by the Catholic Catechism, Easter is also the feast of all feasts, the solemnity of solemnities and the Great Sunday.

In addition, catechumens usually receive the Sacraments of Christian Initiation which are Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.

"Through the resurrection, the gates of Heaven were opened, and we were exposed to the glory in Heaven," said Campus Min-

ister Brian Feller. "Love prevails, and we are given reason for hope because God loves us. Jesus' death has so much meaning."

Primarily a Catholic tradition, the Via Delarosa, or the Stations of the Cross, are done by Churches to memorialize Jesus' passion.

This custom is done throughout Lent on Fridays, particularly on Good Friday.

During Lent, the 40 days prior to Easter, people everywhere prepare for the resurrection of Jesus.

These 40 days represent the time that Jesus was in the desert before He began His life of public ministry. Here, Jesus endured

direct temptation from Satan.

However, Jesus continually rejected Satan and his temptations.

"During Lent, we live with Christ, share his struggles, and join Him in the desert," said Feller. "We fast because Jesus fasted. Our hearts are set on Heaven."

With the season, many customs are taken for granted.

The tradition of the Easter bunny, for example, has a logical basis to be used as a universal sign for this occasion.

In different cultures, the rabbit is known for its abundant offspring. This, consequently, signifies rebirth.

Show choir ends on high note

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O'Gorman High School's Ovation! Show Choir ended this year at a high after a very productive season.

After placing third in their first three competitions, Ovation! finished grand champion at Aberdeen and second runner-up at Mitchell.

Considering the schools they compete against, Ovation!'s director Cathy Britton is pleased with how they've been ranking in their competitions.

"We stay with the pack," said Britton.

As with the new school, Ovation! underwent a few alterations this year. From new songs and dance moves to new members and choreographers, Ovation! worked hard through the challenges and changes with positive attitudes.

According to Britton, their biggest challenge was cramming to learning their choreography and music because their arrangements came two months later than expected.

Although senior Erin Harris believes this year's theme is about living life compared to last year's ballroom and dancing theme, Britton didn't have a specific theme in mind when choosing the set list.

"I try to pick something that I think will best represent the kids that I've got," said Britton.

Even with a late start, the choir is still pleased with the results of this year's show.

"It's a lot of hard work but it all pays off, and I wouldn't change anything," said junior Jennifer Schall.

This year's new choreographer, Derek Zomer, also saw Ovation!'s hard work as paying off.

"Never getting under third place is quite an accomplishment in the show choir world," said Zomer. "They rocked the stage at every competition they went to."

"They understand to work as a team means to do well," said Britton. "They understand that teamwork means you're working hard."

The Ovation! members did understand the meaning of working hard.

Most do not understand that show choir kids practice longer during the academic school year than almost every other organization in a high school.

"They do just about as much work, if not more," said Zomer.

This year, they practiced every school day during their lunch hour as well as a weekly two-hour practice on Thursday nights.

"You can tell everybody really



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Amy Neidich, Tony Klein, and Rachel Tanner perform "Little Red Hat".

wants to accomplish something, so we all work really hard," said Harris.

Several members feel that the reason they've been working so hard and pushing each other to work so hard is because of the group of students in the show choir.

"We have a pretty close group of people so I think that it's go-

ing just as well if not better than last year," said junior Joey Johnson. "We've had a lot of great leadership."

"I've got the best of the best," said Britton. "They're a cool group of kids."

"I love the people who are here," said Harris. "When we give it our all we have fun. We come off the stage and say that was amaz-

ing."

After Mitchell's Show Choir Classic, in which Ovation! received first runner up, all of the members were excited about their achievements this year. Their director and choreographers were as well.

When asked what her favorite part of show choir was, Britton replied that it was seeing the students exceed their own expectations.

Students show talent in horsebarn exhibit



KNIGHT SCROLL

Junior Abby Johnson, seniors Meagen Turbak, Andy Doppenberg, and Andrea Petersen, and junior Katie Schwebach at a recent art show exhibit at the horsebarn in Falls Park. Ten O'Gorman students had artwork in the exhibit. The art show featured several pieces from high school students throughout the area.

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IT'S TIME FOR GRADUATION PARTIES

Spring chorus concert attracts fans

Jory Kunzman
Staff Writer

On Thursday, May 6, the O’Gorman auditorium will be rockin’!

The O’Gorman spring choir concert “Rockin’ Jerusalem” will feature a variety of music types including spirituals, folk songs, sacred songs, along with songs performed by the three large group choirs: the women’s choir, concert choir and mixed choir.

The choirs received the music that they will perform in early March and are currently hard at work learning it.

Although the music that the large choirs will be performing is not the easiest to learn, the chorus members say that they are up for the challenge.

“It is difficult, and we are hard at work on it, but the difficulty is a statement of how great our choir is this year,” said senior concert choir member Billy Baker.

This year’s spring choir concert will not feature solos by vocalists from any of the choirs.

In the past, solos were sung by seniors who achieved individual

honors at competitions.

The decision to cut the solos from the show surprised and disappointed some.

“It is nice for seniors to get some limelight after years of singing within such a large group,” said Baker. “I think that it is important that we should have that opportunity.”

O’Gorman head choral director of eight years, Mrs. Cathy Britton, made the decision to cut all solos in order to keep the concert from running too long.

“Too many good singers,” said Britton. “What a problem to have!”

Other choir students see the lack of solos as a chance to focus more on what the choirs can do as a whole and not just on individuals.

The large group choirs include members from the smaller competition choirs. Groups such as KnightLights and Ovation! have to learn both the music for the concert and their competition music.

Despite practicing for months, chorus students have fun and enjoy the opportunity to share their talents with the rest of the student body.

“The music is so fun to sing,”



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Mrs. Britton directs students during choir class as they prepare for their upcoming concert.

said freshman women’s chorus member Aubrey Johnson. “I think that everyone who goes to the concert will really enjoy it.”

Chorus has also given students other opportunities that they have enjoyed.

For freshmen, it gives them the chance to get to know some of their classmates.

“I love that I get to make a lot

of new friends and just have a ton of fun singing,” said Johnson.

For seniors, the spring choir concert gives them one last time to show the school their talents and look back on the last four years before graduation later that month. This last concert also serves as their final chorus memory.

“My favorite parts of choir are the fun and entertaining people in

it, the mostly awesome music we sing, and the fact that we have one of the most brilliant musical minds I’ve ever met, Mrs. Cathy Britton, as our director,” said Baker.

Chorus members make friends for life. This is shown at the end of the spring choir concert when choir alumni sing a song with all the current choir students.

O’G student body elects new council members

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Ellen Nelson

As the seniors prepare to leave, the O’Gorman Student Council, known as “Stu Co,” prepares to welcome the new student council members.

“All of the teachers I’ve talked to have said that they seem like really neat kids,” said student council advisor Mr. Doug Basche.

“I am really excited about the group we have coming in,” said senior and former student council president Liz Bunkers. “I know most of them and they have great work ethics, positive attitudes, and I think they will bring some great new ideas to the council.”

“I am glad that some guys were elected this year because before the election, I was the only guy on the 2010-2011 council,” said sophomore Charlie Solomon.

Junior Sean Turgeon was especially happy to find out he was elected onto Student Council.

“I’m ecstatic, I’m excited. I think it’s going to be a great year,” said Turgeon. “I’m excited to see what we can do.”

Once students are elected, they are on the council for the rest of their high school careers.

“The goal of the student council is to be successful in all our ideas, and to carry out our plans to the best of our abilities, through early planning as well as teamwork,” said Bunkers.

“I try to promote leadership, responsibility, and to have the initiative to start a project and to carry through with it,” said Basche. “I’m hoping that they kind of come away with this feeling that they felt like they have done something for their school, even if it’s not a big thing.”

“I think that all of us want to do what’s best for the school; the people who are already on it want to keep doing what’s best for the school,” said Turgeon.

The student council focuses on three main areas consisting of community service, school activities, and school improvement. The council holds two meetings a month and some during the summer.

Each meeting is run by the president, and a calendar is used to plan events.

Also at the meetings, the members decide which events and activities they want to run.

A member must choose two community service projects, two

school activities and two school improvement projects they want to supervise.

Solomon hopes to be able to help the less fortunate in the community through these projects, as do other members.

Although Turgeon also wants to help those he can through Student Council, his hopes are a little more focused on the school.

“I want to make sure all the student activities are ones that the students want to go to,” said Turgeon.

Turgeon also hopes to have a giant student mural somewhere in the school that helps to define the student body.

The members also agree that being a part of Student Council has created some fun memories.

Solomon said his favorite memory was the hamster balls at Homecoming this year.

Bunkers said one of her most memorable moments was when Erin Dickes gave Mr. Keppen an orange crush as they delivered crushes to students.

“Being on Student Council was one of the best things I decided to do in high school,” said Bunkers.

O’Gorman techies strive to enhance play experience

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When attending a school play, the performing cast brings to life an excellent script, but what enhances their performance is the well-crafted set and brilliant costumes designed by the play technicians and the costumers.

There are many people involved in order to make a play come together; however, some receive little recognition due to their behind the scene work.

There are numerous responsibilities involved with being a play technician, commonly referred to as a techie.

“One of the most important jobs we have is set construction,” said senior Andrew Gaspar. “It takes a lot of time to ensure that the measurements for the boards are right and to cut them.”

Also, play technicians are responsible for the lighting and the sound equipment.

“The prospect of building something was what inspired me to be a techie,” said Gaspar. “I al-

ways loved to build with LEGOs when I was little, and this seemed like a natural extension of that.”

Many of the techies participate in the running crew. The running crew changes the set in between scenes.

“The feeling of satisfaction when you complete a project and build a set piece that will be used in the show is amazing,” said Gaspar. “However, it is difficult because we receive little recognition.”

Not only does the set created by the play technicians enhance the play, but the costumes designed by the costumers do as well. The costumers focus on developing the right style of clothing for a specific play, cutting various fabrics, and measuring the members of the cast for their outfits.

“I love to watch a play and look at a certain outfit and know that I helped make it,” said Haley Maxwell. “It’s frustrating when I can’t find a certain article of clothing.”

There are many aspects that contribute to a play, and the set and costumes aid in establishing a suitable environment for the play.

New athletes to help track team in 2010

Frankie Maxwell
Entertainment Editor

As this year's track season begins, students head outside to start preparing for the spring sport.

All of the coaches are excited for the start of the season. The students as well have been anticipating track season. Junior Hunter Winklepleck is especially enthusiastic about this year's team.

"I feel that we have strong runners and a lot of talent," said Winklepleck.

Winklepleck's main goal for the season is to make it to the state track meet.

"I am determined and I am working super duper hard," said Winklepleck. "I also want to make friendship's whose bonds will

never be broken through the test of time."

Along with each individual's personal goals, the overall team goal is for every athlete to improve after each meet. In order to accomplish this, students must show up for every practice and continue to work hard.

"If they do that then we will place well when the conference and state track meets roll around," said track coach Aaron Strand. "So far we have had a great two weeks of practice."

The first full team meet was in Brandon on April 5. The Knights competed against Lincoln, Roosevelt and Brandon.

"We want everything we can get out of each athlete," said Strand.

O'Gorman sends seven wrestlers to tournament, Peltier takes 2nd

Jory Kunzman
Sports Co-Editor

The O'Gorman wrestling team had an impressive showing at the district 1A tournament in Madison where seven wrestlers qualified for the state meet.

Representing the Knights were sophomores Ben Fichter and Tyler Peltier, along with seniors Brian Voss, Grady Hakl, Jarad Kunzman, Josh Duus and Travis Rhode.

"It is quite an accomplishment to qualify for the state meet," said wrestling Head Coach Jeff Gordon. "In each weight you have the 16 best wrestlers in the state."

The Knights arrived in Rapid City with hopes of earning a place on the podium at the end of the meet.

"Last year we had three place winners," said Gordon. "I was hoping to at least duplicate that."

After a weekend of close matches, O'Gorman did accomplish their coach's goal. Peltier placed second, losing his only match of the meet to Sturgis' Morgan Engbrecht. Peltier's accomplishments at the meet made him the highest placing O'Gorman wrestler at the state meet in over 15 years.

Also placing for the Knights were Duus, who finished third this year, and Fichter, who placed sixth. Overall, the Knights had a successful season, winning ten of the duals that they competed in.

The team will lose many graduating seniors that make up a large majority of the varsity squad. However, the team is confident that with hard work they can come back strong next year.

With growing numbers and interest, along with the the O'Gorman youth wrestling program, the Knights plan to build a lasting competitive program.



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Keaton Moffitt drives for a layup against Huron during the semifinal game at the state tournament.

Knights take third title in five years at tourney

JR Stassi
Sports Co-Editor

The ESD proved no match for the mighty Knights. O'Gorman blew away ESD juggernauts Huron and Aberdeen Central to take the AA crown at the state basketball tournament in Rapid City.

The Knights started off the season slowly but really seemed to gain their power later in the season. Midseason the Knights made much needed adjustments from being a team that awarded personal performances, to a team that only awarded team accomplishments.

"We took down the individual awards to stress the amount of teamwork it takes to win games," said Head Coach Derek Robey.

The change worked; soon after removing the personal awards, the team went on a 16 game win streak that led them to the state championship. The mantra around the locker room before the post season started was that the momentum gained in the regular season would hopefully carry them to the big dance.

The Knights had to win two of three games to qualify for the state tournament. They won their first game against Brookings and then went on to win in a thrilling double overtime victory over cross town rivals the Roosevelt Rough Riders. With these two victories the Knights claimed their district championship.

At tournament time the Knights were seeded fourth although they had defeated every team in the tournament except Aberdeen. As the fourth seed the Knights were pitted against the

fifth seed. Coincidentally, the fifth seed was the Rough Riders.

In what can be called the closest and one of the most thrilling games of the tournament, the Knights defeated the Rough Riders for the third time this season. The final score was 42-40.

The same day Huron beat Lincoln, Aberdeen beat Brandon Valley, and Rapid City Central beat Mitchell.

Day two pitted the fourth seeded Knights against the first seeded Huron Tigers. In what can be considered one of the most questionable games of the tournament, there was definitely no love between the two teams.

In the first meeting of the Knights and the Tigers, O'Gorman's lead scorer Sterling Nielsen broke his jaw due to an elbow thrown from Huron stand-out Terrell Newton. Despite this injury, the Knights still managed to win the first meeting by 20 points.

Friday's game was very close with leads of five being traded from team to team when early in the third quarter Newton got a steal off of O'Gorman's Sam Wallin. He sprinted down the court looking for either a layup or a slam-dunk.

"Not in my house," the broadcaster exclaimed as O'Gorman's Alex Robey swatted the ball nearly into the crowd. The play ended with Huron's Newton crashing awkwardly to the court. Play continued with a quick pass to an already down court Nielsen.

It wasn't until the referee blew the whistle to stop play that anyone noticed Newton had been injured. He remained sidelined until one of the onsite medics called for an ambulance.

The Huron stand-out was carted off the sideline on a stretcher.

As Newton left it seemed the game went with him. The Knights went on to push the score and increase the lead. In what seemed to be déjà vu the Knights had gained a 20 point lead again, which is how the game's score ended up turning out.

"Everyone was hitting big shots; that was one of the big factors in the game," said sophomore Connor Schaeffbauer.

With a score of 55-35 the Knights had moved into their third championship game under Coach Robey. Going into the game, the Knights were viewed as a strong team that had a lot of players off the bench who could put up points. It was the exact opposite for Aberdeen Central, who had very heavily depended on senior stand-out Jared Hannigan.

"I feel blessed to get this opportunity," said junior Keaton Moffitt. "I also feel blessed to be starting as a junior."

Later that night the Golden Eagles punched their ticket to the schools second major championship of the year. The Eagles also went in 11AA football; they lost to Sioux Falls Washington.

Day three brought what is very familiar to O'Gorman. On the back of the Aberdeen fan shirts there was a quote from the 2007 Sioux Falls arena "NO ONE LIKES YOU."

It was made loud and clear that the ESD was present in the arena. The first boos erupted as the O'Gorman cheerleaders walked out carrying a blue flag for the National Anthem.

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Lady Knights take fourth place at state

JR Stassi
Sports Editor

The Lady Knights have raised the roof on the season expectations. The girls won their district in a thrilling win over cross town rivals Roosevelt. The Knights entered the tournament as the 8 seed.

As the 8 seed the Knights were pitted against the number 1 seeded Aberdeen Central Golden Eagles. The game was back and forth and ended going up into overtime. Once the buzzer for the end of the first overtime had sounded, the Knights had pulled a remarkable upset, defeating the Eagles 44-41. The Knights shot nearly 36% from the field and almost 17% from beyond the arc.

"We exceeded most expectations when we finished fourth," said sophomore Chandler Nielsen.

Day one ended with all four top seeds losing. Washington, RC Stevens, and RC

Central all upset their opponents proving that underdogs can pull out big wins.

Day two seemed to set the Knights up for what seemed to be the same scenario. The Knights were paired with the 5 seed Washington Warriors. It appeared that the Knights were still tired out from the overtime win the night before. The Knights passed up an early lead and they never got it back.

The Knights were out shot in all three areas; they shot 0% from the arc and were just below 30% from the field. The Warriors capitalized making 33.3% of three pointers. The Knights fell short of a championship berth by a score of 33-53.

Day three brought a new day for the Knights as they sought to regain a spark from the Roosevelt and Central upsets, that was lost in the Washington game. The Knights were set to face the Rapid City Central Cobblers. The Cobblers were seeded 6. The game appeared to

be a replay of the previous night, as the Knights were out shot in all three areas. The Knights held a slight lead at the end of one, but that was not enough as they were outscored in the remaining three quarters.

When it was all over the Knights had been defeated by the Cobblers for the second time of the season. The Knights proved that they could climb the ranks in the world of high school basketball as they nabbed fourth place.

"We played well and we had good team chemistry and had a good year," said Nielsen.

They brought home the fourth place title to O'Gorman. The Knights look to next season to exceed expectations due to the number of underclassmen who cracked significant time this season. Not only did the Knights earn the fourth place spot, but Abby Meyers earned a place on the all-tournament team.



Senior Abby Meyer tips the ball. SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC BROADCASTING



Sioux Falls baseball team changes name, opposition from fans

JR Stassi
Sports Editor

On February 17 at 4:30 p.m., the Sioux Falls Canaries were officially no more. The Pheasants became the new Sioux Falls baseball club.

The Pheasants made their birth in South Dakota up north in Aberdeen in 1947. They remained a franchise until 1971; the franchise was reborn in 1995 but soon folded in 1997.

When news of the changing name reached the public there was a uproar of opposition. There is actually a petition to change the name back to the Canaries.

Personally, I feel that the change is permanent unless the stands are completely empty this season due to the change. The Pheasants will remain in Sioux Falls.

The Canaries may have held a history in Sioux Falls but not

in South Dakota. The pheasant is the state bird and it brings in a large number of tourists yearly.

The change in name also seemed like it was much needed since the Canaries were a failing franchise with little success. The new name comes with some renovations to the stadium.

The management has made an agreement with Ovation food services. One of the goals of the new contract is to provide a higher level of food in the stadium and provide new areas to dine.

The new franchise comes with a new batch of upgrades that should bring the Canaries from the failing franchise into the new era of the Pheasants.

The new name provides a chance for the club to be reborn and tie the state's rich baseball into Sioux Falls' baseball history.

The Sioux Falls Pheasants open their season against the Lincoln Saltdogs.

Boys tennis look to serve up another championship season

Molly Donohue
Activities Co-Editor

The O'Gorman boys tennis season is underway. After a successful spring 2009 season they look for a repeat of winning a second state championship title in a row. The team opened up their season on Saturday March 27 against St. Thomas More at McKennan Park in Sioux Falls.

"We expect to play well every season, but last year was a breakthrough year after finishing second for so many years," said Coach Don Barnes who co-coaches with his wife Kate. The boys team will play approximately 25 matches in two months.

"First of all we're looking to play to our potential and play hard, everything else will take care of itself," said Barnes. Top returners for the Knights remain the same besides Jameson Goetz, who graduated last year. A young squad will be playing this year, which is good because they will have several years left to continue their success.

"Our goal is to win our second straight team championship," said junior Brad Entwistle. The varsity team this year will consist of senior Kevin Rance, who was a flight champion for singles last year in the state tournament.

Junior Entwistle, 2009 singles runner-up in his flight will be playing along with his 8th grade brother, Tommy, a second year varsity team member who also won his flight in last year's state tournament.

"I'm looking forward to getting the team back together after the long off-season and just seeing how the team will shake out this



Junior Brad Entwistle returns a serve. KNIGHT SCROLL

year," said Entwistle.

The next few years look good for the Knights. More players returning this season are junior Elliot Czarnecki, also a 2009 state flight winner for singles, and sophomore Anthony Rauschenbach, singles champion in his flight in last year's state tennis tournament in Sioux Falls.

Junior Sean Turgeon and freshmen Ben Czarnecki also look to contribute to the team's success. A total of 20 boys will make up the OG tennis team this spring.

This year the Knights add more meets to their demanding schedule by playing against Minnesota teams. They will play Chaska High School, a school outside of Minneapolis and travel to Eagan Minnesota to play in a four team tournament.

High School tennis is a team sport but team members need to work on individual aspects to contribute to the team.

"We need to improve our first

serve percentage and reduce unforced errors. All players have strengths and weaknesses that they work on every day," said Barnes.

Like previous years, Rapid City Stevens will continue to be a tough competitor.

"Other strong teams include Lincoln and Washington," said Entwistle.

The OG team practices at McKennan Park in Sioux Falls, but inconsistent spring weather makes outdoor practice sometimes uncertain. If the weather is bad the team practices inside at Sioux Empire Fitness.

"We appreciate any fans that come out to watch us play and there is often free food for those who can stand the cold," said Entwistle.

Fortunately the weather has cleared up so the tennis team have gotten their season underway.

"We need to stay healthy and injury free," said Barnes. "Everything else will take care of itself."

Albums to search for this summer

Zach Dresch
Entertainment Editor

Now that spring has sprung, people aspire to look for the latest and best music that stores can offer. The main question people ask themselves is what they should pick up. Well, here are some album picks that could potentially be played on repeat in your car stereos.

First off, if you're really into indie music, I recommend checking out The Airborne Toxic Event's self-titled debut album, which was released a year and a half ago. They mix string instruments to the mix occasionally, which gives it a great indie flavor. They sound a lot like Arcade Fire and The Strokes mixed together, which is a great thing for me, since I love both bands.

For fans of pop punk music, check out *This Addiction* by Alkaline Trio. They are a great band with great melodies that will stick in your head for days. They sound similar to bands like The Offspring or old-school Green Day. This album has been on repeat on my iPod for several weeks.

Already a critical and fan favorite, Vampire Weekend's latest album *Contra* has reached the top of the charts and rightly so, because they are simply one of the most innovative groups on the music scene today. With songs as catchy as "Cousins" and "Giving Up the Gun", it's impossible not to like them at least a little bit.

For more of an indie pop feel, I suggest you check out the group Passion Pit, who really could be a driving force in the electro pop scene in the next few months. Their debut album *Manners* is a great mix of rock, indie, and synthesizer pop with high-pitched vocals that are extremely catchy that you never can stop listening to. "Little Secrets" is the best song on the album, which I suggest you check out literally right now because you will not regret it.

For straight-forward adult contemporary rock music, check out the band The Script, a pop rock group from Ireland. They have written songs for Kris Allen, the American Idol singer, and recently had a top 40 hit on the radio with

the song "Breakeven". The singer's soulful voice is reason enough to pick up this album.

Flogging Molly is another great band to check out if you have never heard them before. They take Irish folk and mix it with punk music, which gives it a great mix and a form of music that radio tends to ignore. Most of their songs tell of Irish folk tales and different songs that could be considered political statements. They released a live album recently called *Live at the Greek Theatre*, which fully represents their Irish pride. I highly recommend it.

As for more well-known artists, check out Pearl Jam's latest album *Backspacer*, which features great songs like "The Fixer" and "unthought Known". It's their best album that they have had in a while, and it has been well-received and critically acclaimed.

For fans of harder rock music, Alice in Chains' latest album *Black Gives Way To Blue* is a great album that is a pleasant surprise, considering the fact that they have a new frontman, replacing the late



PRESS PHOTO

Passion Pit released their album *Manners* in May of last year.

Layne Staley. Old-school fans of the group have been pleasantly surprised with the album as well. Songs like "Check My Brain" and "A Looking In View" prove that they are a main-stay in rock music.

The most talked about alternative rock band this year has to be Muse. Their latest album *The Resistance* has received rave reviews and rightly so because they are one of the most interesting rock groups

out there. Highlights off the new album include "Uprising" and "Resistance". This album is a definite must-have for rock fans.

These albums are a force to be reckoned with and you should seriously check them out before it's too late. I promise no regrets will be made when making a decision to stop by your favorite music store and picking up one of these albums.



PRESS PHOTO

A Sports Nation correspondent puts Simmons' *Book of Basketball* to the shooting test.

Sports book literally saves people's lives

JR Stassi
Sports Co-Editor

The Book of Basketball: the NBA according to the Sports Guy claims that it can actually save your life. It's true! Google it!

The Book of Basketball boasts a rather large page count; well, actually it's a gargantuan book. Standing at 736 pages the book can stop a bullet fired from a handgun and stop it by page 600.

Bill Simmons has done it again. Not only does he put out podcasts and columns on ESPN that are highly hailed, but when it comes to the core of the novel it appears that it might take some minor dynamite to blast through the numerous chapters of fluff.

Personally I felt the book had everything it needed. It encompasses the beginning of professional basketball in America.

Actually it starts when his dad buys season tickets to the Boston Celtics. It reads well besides the insurmountable number of footnotes. Simmons claims that he is the King of footnotes.

The seemingly endless novel lost can lose a reader's attention easily, especially if the reader is not interested in basketball. It has many sections where it does not focus on a specific theme. There are parts that just go through countless situations set up where Simmons plays the "what if" game.

Overall the book was an amazing mess. It all seems to make you want to read the next page just to see what he will say. It turns out that it actually goes into the pantheon of top players in NBA history.

The book has been well received by young and old people alike. It peaked the New York best seller list at number one in best selling hard cover non-fiction.

With the combination of his advanced knowledge of sports and his personal stories, the novel is like a great whirl wind of entertaining yet educational background that provides a great book.

Sioux Falls offers various ways to stay fit for summer

Abby Meyers
Activities Co-Editor

For most people, winter is a period of hibernation. The cold, snowy weather makes everyone feel the need to procrastinate towards everything except cuddling up in a warm blanket and drinking hot chocolate.

Fortunately, the time for hot chocolate and warm blankets is now up! Spring is here and warm weather is approaching fast. Stepping outside is now a joy rather than depressing and gloomy. Spring and summer are great seasons to get in shape and start eating healthy so you won't want to go into hibernation once winter comes around!

Staying fit is much easier than most people would think if you have the right mindset and attitude. There are two main steps to getting in shape and staying fit. First, you have to work out and secondly, eat healthy.

Getting fit can be taken in small steps that gradually increase as you continue to work out. Say you want to start running but don't think your body can make it more than around the block, that's okay! Start small, run half a mile for a few days to get your lungs beyond the hacking stage. Once you have

accomplished that, slowly start increasing the distance by half mile increments. Before you know it you will be running farther than you ever imagined!

If you're not the running type, try biking or elliptical. Sioux Falls has awesome bike trails so get out and take advantage of them! The elliptical is another way to get your heart rate up. Start small like running by going for fifteen minutes at first and then gradually increase your time.

Once you have gotten your heart rate up, there are a few simple exercises you can do to tone up. Alternate between sets of sit ups and push ups; start with sets of as many as you can do correctly and then max out on your last. Air squats are also a great way to tone up your legs.

Along with working out comes eating healthy. If you finish a workout and then grab a large fry at McDonald's you are not doing yourself any good. Substitute fries with a sandwich or fresh fruit. There are many healthy foods that are just as tasty as all those fried foods.

Spring is a great time to get out, and you can enjoy the nice weather even more by getting in shape! Staying fit is easy as long as you have the right mindset and a go-getter attitude.

Local teens present true talents in town

Becky Jarding
Co-Editor

This summer individuals of all ages will have the opportunity to showcase their talents at the Washington Pavilion's second annual "Sioux Falls Has Talent" competition.

This reality-television style competition will take place at 7:00 pm on Friday, June 11.

"Last year was the first year (of "Sioux Falls Has Talent")," said Mike Shaw, box office manager of the Washington Pavilion.

"We were looking for ways to get the Pavilion community involved for the Pavilion's birthday party."

Among last year's 51 performers were dancers, singers, musicians, comedians and other talented individuals spread out over 20 acts.

The show took place in front of a live studio audience and was similar to the television show "America's Got Talent," said Shaw.

For the competition, lo-

cal celebrities acted as judges, choosing the top three winners.

These chosen individuals received prizes ranging from a free year membership to the Washington Pavilion, to items from local businesses and sponsors.

The prizes for this year's winners are undecided as of now.

In addition to creating the event as a part of the Pavilion's birthday celebration, "Sioux Falls Has Talent" was also started as a way for the Pavilion to reach out to the community, especially its young adults.

According to Shaw, most of the Pavilion's events are appealing to adults and children.

"There's not a lot of things for high school and college kids to do in Sioux Falls," said Shaw. "We want to provide something for you guys."

Most Sioux Falls teens are sure to agree with Shaw's statement.

"There's absolutely nothing for teenagers to do here except go to movies," said Sam Crain, a

senior at O'Gorman. "It's harder for us to find entertainment."

To some teens "Sioux Falls Has Talent" does seem to be a new and interesting way to entertain oneself.

Even those not interested in actually performing in the show said they would consider being involved as an audience member.

"I think it'd be cool to see talent from all different ages," said Crain. "It'd be interesting, since we live in a smaller community, to see what talents people have to offer."

For those who are interested in performing in the show, auditions will be held on April 10.

Also, video submissions will be accepted until April 16.

"If you think you can entertain an audience for three to five minutes, come on down," said Shaw.

"We want to give people the chance to perform on a world class Broadway stage because we think you're worth it."

Indie film fest inspires ideas and creativity

Frankie Maxwell
Entertainment Co-Editor

At O'Gorman High School there are many activities that a student can take part in. The Indie Film Fest is one of those activities and it gives students the rare opportunity to direct, record, and act in a home made film.

The Indie Film Fest started about four or five years ago by the student council.

"They were very interested in film making," said English teacher Doug Basche. "They wanted their fellow students to show their creative side in a different way."

The Indie Film Fest seems to take on the "do it yourself method" because it is high school students doing all of the work. It shows aspiring film makers that they don't need a huge film crew or famous actors to make a film that people will enjoy.

"A lot of the films in the past have been very well done," said Basche. "You can really see the dedication

some student put into their films."

O'Gorman graduate, Joe Wilka, took part in the Indie Film Fest and started his own production company called Maximus Films while he was still in high school. He is now enrolled in Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.

For this year the Indie Film Fest needs to have about five to six films. All of the films should be around the 10 to 15 minute range and it should be "PG" rated.

"If you're comfortable with Bishop Swain watching your video then it's appropriate," said Basche.

The movies must be burned to a disc for auditorium play. The deadline for turning in movies is April 16. The Indie Film Fest should be held sometime in the first week of May.

"It is a great chance for aspiring directors and actors to show case their talent," said Basche. "It's also a fun activity for friends to just get together to make a movie and have a great time doing it."

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8. Don't try to get people's attention by faking a heart attack.
9. Eat as much food as possible until you physically become ill. It shows you appreciate the food they have.
10. If you're a senior, hand out your own senior pictures advertising your open house down the street.

O'Gorman senior investigates what it means to be a 'Patriot'

Taylor Reaves
Staff Writer

I was a fish out of water. I felt like Neil Armstrong was feeling before he took man's first step on the moon. It was about to become my first school day away from the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools since I began kindergarten 13 years ago.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, would I forget the setting in which I was in and begin to say morning prayer? Would I be so deprived of my faith community that I would shout out, "Jesus!" to anyone I saw?

I was a fourth quarter senior about to embark on the most enlightening experience of my high school career.

As I stepped out of my car

and took my first "Patriot" steps toward the doors that led into the Lincoln High School foyer, I was completely unsure of the adventure that lay ahead of me during my first day outside of O'Gorman's confines.

As I began a tour of the school before the 8:20 bell rang for the first period class to begin, I was informed on three happenings in my new school that the O'Gorman administration may want to consider incorporating into their current routine.

First, Lincoln's library is actually accessible. Personally, it has come to my attention, that unless you are equipped with something as profound as the Presidential Signature, you will not be entering the O'Gorman library.

Reasons such as "classes are using the lab" or "you don't have a pass" are unheard of to a Lincoln student.

Also, while I commend O'Gorman for the establishment of the "Knight Locker" at the beginning of this past school year, my sweet tooth was pleasantly overwhelmed at the sight of cinnamon crunch "Bagel Boy" bagels being sold in the school store before the start of school.

Lucy Cooper, a current senior at Lincoln and previous SFCS attendee, as well as the first student I followed during my day, informed me of another event that I may have never experienced at O'Gorman.

Because Lincoln hosts over 2,000 students, students are al-



lowed to walk outside of the building between classes to get to their destination if it happens to be in a different wing, which is a freedom I have yet to experience during my four years of high school.

See **TIPS** page 11

School spirit expose concludes

Shilpa Chandran
Zach Dresch

After three insightful articles into school spirit, it is with a heavy heart that we put forth the final piece to the spirit puzzle. Through a survey reluctantly taken by the students, quotes from schools that we didn't even know existed, and interrogations with members of the O'Gorman community, we have reached a conclusion.

O'Gorman school spirit is selective.

By this, we mean school spirit only surfaces during a big or close game, when a team is doing well, or with a widely-sanctioned and talked-about activity. While many may disagree with our view that school spirit is mediocre, allow us to offer you some evidence.

First, school spirit is only shown during a big or close event. Take an average girls' volleyball game, for example. Look out into the

crowd and the student section appears bare. Aside from the occasional group of friends who came out to support our Lady Knights, it seems no one really cares about the outcome of a regular season game.

This applies not only to volleyball, but also to golf, tennis, or wrestling. The consensus remains that it is the football and basketball teams that are the primary sources of entertainment.

However, this is also misleading. While our students may cheer uproariously and stamp their feet during homecoming football or state basketball, try finding them at this level during a regular game. The outcome is far less enthusiastic.

Also, it appears that whether or not a game is close affects student morale. If it's obvious who is going to win, regardless of whether it's us or not, students feel less motivation to cheer.

Second, spirit seems to surface especially when a team is doing well. Let's take our boys basketball team this year. At the beginning, their record was not the best.

However, they then went on a winning streak, and along with this came an increase of fans. This is probably not just coincidence. It seems that winning is the only thing that is really appreciated.

Third, school spirit is absent when it doesn't involve a widely-sanctioned and talked-about activity. Let's begin by talking about the more obvious: the fine arts department.

While O'Gorman does support its fine arts programs, the student body itself acts like they couldn't be bothered to support their fellow classmates. Going to the musical might be popular, but a Tuesday night band concert receives much less enthusiasm.

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Photo Survey: Would you rather be friends with Harry Potter or Edward Cullen?



Anabella Gilbert

"Harry Potter because he could teach me magic."



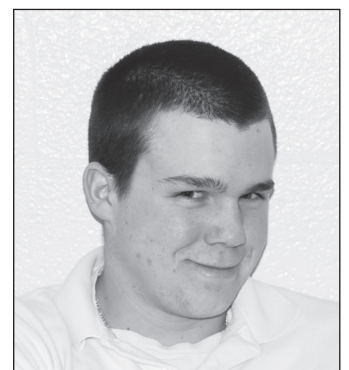
Quaid Scheafer

"Harry Potter because he has chocolate frogs."



Alisa Brown

"Edward Cullen because he sparkles in the sunlight."



Cory Steffen

"Edward Cullen because we would make a cute couple."



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